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TEENER CITED FOR HEROISM

Saves Young Brother in Pool Rescue

A 15-year-old Torrance High sophomore was wearing a hero's badge Thursday afternoon after pulling his 3-year-old brother's near lifeless body from a backyard swimming pool in Garden Grove.

Larry Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis of 2108 W. 236th St., dived fully clothed into the pool and pulled his brother off the bottom. Larry revived his brother with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation just as a sheriff's department rescue squad arrived at the home.

The younger boy, David, was taken to a nearby hospital for a checkup, then was released to his parents.

THE DENNIS family had gone to Garden Grove for the funeral of an aunt. They were preparing to leave when Larry returned to the patio for his sister—David's twin—who was asleep. He dived into the pool as soon as he noticed his brother on the bottom.

Larry credited a summer course on safety and driver's education with saving his brother's life. The course, which he said was "dull" while he was attending class, was given at Torrance High.

David apparently fell into the pool when he reached for a ball floating on the water. He had left the family and returned to the patio without being noticed.

David was reported in good condition Friday. His older brother was still a little amazed that something he learned in his "dull" class had saved his brother's life.

Area Public Works Group Meets Here

More than 200 members of the American Public Works Association Southern California Chapter met Thursday afternoon and evening in Torrance for the chapter's quarterly meeting.

Charles E. Lortz, director of Public Works for Arcadia, presided over the meeting. Lortz is now president of the chapter.

During the evening program, members heard John Larson, city attorney for Cudahy and San Dimas, discuss "Legal Responsibilities of the Public Works Official."

Other speakers included Dr. F. Beach Leighton, professor of geology at Whittier College; William Judd, rock mechanics consultant for the Rand Corp.; and Glenn Brown, representing Geological Consultants, Inc.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and City Engineer Walter Nollac also delivered brief welcome addresses during the opening session.

Four Hurt in Collision - - -

The driver and his three passengers were injured Friday night when a late-model car and a Santa Fe engine collided at 203rd Street and Western Avenue. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for examination and treatment were Ronald Vernell Panick, 51, the driver; Myra Panick, 46; Millie Trainor, 48; and John Trainor, 51, all of 1827 11th St., Manhattan Beach. Clarence Clifton Estes of Huntington Park was operating the train.

Pistol Team to Compete - - -

The five-man pistol team of the Torrance Police Department will travel to Tracy, Calif., for Police Department will travel to Tracy, Calif., for the sixth annual California State Practical Pistol Course Championships, to be held Sept. 25 through 28. Permission for the men to be away from their jobs was granted by the City Council last night.

Council Meets at 6:45 - - -

The City Council will face a 44-item agenda when it meets at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday in the city hall. Preceding the business of the evening will be presentation of certificates to winners of the Torrance Safety Council poster contest and to winners of the 11th Annual Youth Safety Run. Officer A. L. Jackson of the Torrance Police Department will accept the latter certificate on behalf of the Police Officers Advisory Council.

Robbery Suspects Held - - -

Four men charged with the April 26 robbery of Boys Market at Carson Street and Normandie Avenue have been arrested and charged with armed robbery and assault with intent to commit murder. The four men, residing in Long Beach, Downey, and Artesia, also are charged with participating in a series of Long Beach area restaurant and market robberies. Each is held on \$55,000 bail.

Trustees Meet Monday - - -

Members of the Torrance board of education will meet Monday evening for their regular session. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the board room at 2335 Plaza Del Amo.



MOTORIST REMINDER . . . Women of the Moose, Torrance Chapter 44, present the fifth "Protect Our Children" sign to the community. At ground breaking ceremony were: J. A. Beasley, from left, Mayor Isen, B. E. Finke, Mrs. B. E. Finke; Mrs. Richard Bell, Mrs. Milton Taurman, Ross A. Seiarrotta, Sr. and Walker Owens.

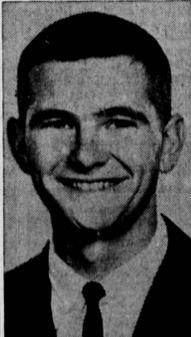
Tower to Spend a Year Studying, Touring Europe

Hugh Curtis Tower, a 20-year-old Lomitan who is a cheer leader. He lettered in cross country, and was elected president of the student body during his senior year. He has been an active member of the Torrance Family YMCA program, and served as camp leader.

Club, Knights, and a Marine Corps Officer Candidate. He will study languages during the academic year in Sweden.

Following the close of school in June, Tower will begin a tour of Europe and the Mid-East that will take him to Turkey, India, Egypt, Greece, and all of the western European nations. He plans to return to the states in September in order to complete his studies at Humboldt State College.

Tower is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Tower of 1720 W. 241st St. He has two younger brothers—Mike, 17, is a senior at Narbonne High, while 15-year-old Tom is a sophomore at Narbonne. His father is a fireman for the City of Los Angeles.



HUGH C. TOWER
Now in Europe

APPLICANTS for the European program were evaluated on the basis of character, leadership, personal qualifications, and scholastic achievement. All applicants had to maintain a 3.0 (B) average during their first two years of college.

Tower attended Harbor City Elementary School and Fleming Junior High School. He is a 1962 graduate of Narbonne High, where he was a member of the Letterman's Club, the International Key

and counselor. Last Summer, Tower had the distinction of being the only man on an all-girl hike through the Sierras. Tower led the 62-mile eight-day hike. . . . A BIOLOGICAL science major, Tower is a U. S. Ma-

We Must Get Other Water In 25 Years

Construction of the Feather River Water project and continued supplies from the Colorado River will provide Southern California with adequate water until about 1990.

That was the confident prediction of Alan J. Williams, director of public relations for the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), at a luncheon meeting of the Southland Water Committee and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

Williams also praised the foresight of Torrance officials who led the 1931 fight to make Torrance a charter member of the MWD. The city is one of 26 member agencies, including 13 cities.

PLANS TO provide water for Southern California after 1990 are now being formulated, Williams said. Among the many projects now being considered is the conversion of sea water.

Williams said a contract between the federal government and the MWD signed only last month provides for a feasibility study of the sea water conversion process. The study is designed to provide the MWD with recommendations on the nature and location of a conversion plant if such a process is possible.

Unique to the study, Williams declared, are considerations of electric power tie-ins to help absorb costs and the use of atomic power for the plant. Production of 50 to 150 million gallons per day is estimated in the initial plant if it actually is built.

WILLIAMS also said the MWD will submit a bond issue of about \$800 million to the voters in the Spring, 1966, for a program which would provide transportation for water from the Feather River project. Passage of the bond issue, Williams said, "is essential." The Feather River Project is scheduled for completion in 1972.

Southern California will probably depend on some combination of sea water conversion and transportation of water from areas like the Columbia River after 1990, Williams concluded.

The Southland Water Commission (Continued on Page 7)

Baptist Church Notes 50th Birthday

Members of the First Baptist Church of Torrance are currently observing the 50th anniversary of the founding of the church.

First established as the Community Baptist Church in 1914, the present church is the outgrowth of a project begun in 1911 by the City Mission Society of Los Angeles. The earliest congregations met in a tent, with available pastors being sent to the small community of Torrance to conduct services.

The Rev. I. L. Eldridge, one of the pastors who filled the pulpit from time to time during the first three years, continued to serve after a building was constructed in 1912. During that time, the church was known as the Torrance Mission.

EARLY industrial leaders Mr. and Mrs. J. Salm organized the first Sunday School at the church with an enrollment of 10 pupils shortly after the first building was completed.

Under the leadership of the Rev. J.W.C. Swan, the church was organized as the Community Baptist Church in 1914. It became the first church in what was to become the City of Torrance and counted 50 members in the organization.

The Rev. Swan continued to serve until 1917, when a Rev. Jones, a young graduate of Biola University, was called to fill the pulpit. During the influenza epidemic of 1918, the Rev. Jones died and the Rev. A. Griewe was chosen as pastor of the church.

BETWEEN 1920 and 1924, Rev. C. Hedrick served a one-year pastorate in 1929.

IN 1930, the Rev. John Speed was assigned to the church and served until 1935. During his pastorate, the Sunday School was departmentalized and enrollment increased to 280 pupils. The church basement was remodeled, and other construction and repair work was undertaken.

The Rev. Speed, who retired from the ministry in 1953, died early this month in Banning, Calif., at the age of 90.

Membership continued to grow and the church physical plant was expanded during the 22-year pastorate of the Rev. C. Miles Northrup. The Rev. Northrup began his pastorate in June, 1935, and

served until he retired from the ministry in 1957.

During that period, the old church basement was enlarged, the present sanctuary was built and dedicated, and a \$100,000 Educational Building was constructed. The second sanctuary was retired and ceremoniously buried in 1952.

IT WAS also during the pastorate of the Rev. Northrup that the Rev. Britton Ross, a retired minister, began his teaching ministry at the church. He directed many of the educational activities until his death in 1952.

The first assistant pastor of the church began his work in 1946. He was a young man, converted in 1944 and licensed in 1944 and licensed in June, 1935, and

A Penny for your Thoughts

With school opening this past week for a new term, the Pennies photographer asked several people for comments on programs in the schools for the "gifted" child.

Mrs. James Fornelli, 22911 Arlington Ave.:

"The advanced child encounters an age problem in some programs, but it seems unfair that a child who is gifted should be held back from progressing as rapidly as possible. Many times, in such a situation, he loses his enthusiasm and becomes bored in class."

Mrs. Murray Rudnick, 2319 W. 229th St.:

"I feel a child has more incentive in school if he is working with his own mental age group. It is to his advantage to go along at a pace as possible, and I think such programs do help to achieve this goal."

Mrs. Mary Ilnicki, Inglewood:

"I favor such programs if they really help. It must be hard for children who are advanced if they are kept in the average classroom. I think they would become bored. I saw it happen to a youngster and he really wasted his first year in school."

Mrs. Rose Sanders, Torrance school information officer:

"I think all should aim at meeting the individual child's needs. If the individual happens to be a gifted child, then it is to society's advantage as well as the child's, to develop his capacities to their fullest extent."

Chest X-Ray Unit Slates ECC Visit

Providing service to both the campus and the community, a mobile x-ray unit will visit the El Camino College Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The unit, operated by a private firm, will charge \$1 per person for x-rays and a subsequent report. The reports will be mailed.

X-Ray Unit Schedules Visit

A mobile chest x-ray unit will be parked at the Educational Materials Building for the Torrance schools Wednesday, according to Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of schools.

X-rays will be made for a \$1 fee.